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Let me make you a deal on a low-mileage Atwater Kent!

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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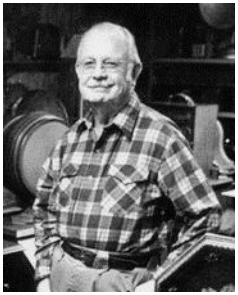
The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 the Society has been dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of "Vintage Radio" and wireless equipment.

Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are $25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

The Call Letter has been a monthly publication since 1974. It was originated with the founder, Bob Bilbie, and our first president, Harley Perkins. Through several editors and with the assistance of numerous society members, the Call Letter has continued to be a publication that informs members of the society's business and that supports the hobby of collecting, preserving, and restoring vintage radios.

Society meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the Abernethy Grange Hall at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 9:30 AM for the purpose of displaying radios, conducting Society business, and exchanging information. Guests are welcome at all Society meetings and functions (except board meetings).

Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio shows, and radio sales which are advertised in the Call Letter and are held in and around Portland.



With each issue of the Call Letter, we remember Jim Mason, a charter member of the society who remained active until his death in 1999. A generous bequest from Jim's estate ensures the vitality of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, and continued publication of the Call Letter.

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On the Cover

Cliff Tuttle at the Chehalis Swap Meet - photo by Gary Marvin, PSARA (Provided by Dan Howard)

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Announcements

September 2021 Meeting - Sat. Sep. 11, 9:30 am, Abernethy Grange
September Monthly Feature - Radios with an S in their name
September Tech Talk -
Blake Dietze "Hitchhiker - A Good 4 tube Radio"
September Tube of the Month – None for this month.
Leads and Needs - The Swap Shop is for members' classified ads. Ads are free and can either be permanent or temporary.
Editor's Note - Please have October Call Letter contributions in by Sunday, September 26. Articles & Ads welcome. (Tube labels too).

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Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/nwvrs

President's Message for September 2021
by Pat Kagi

The plan is to have an in person meeting at the Abernethy Grange for our monthly September 11th meeting, but those conditions could change to an on-line meeting depending upon Covid-19 restrictions. Watch your emails or the web site for any updates.

The September meeting is also our annual Trash Bash where one man's trash is another man's treasure. This is an opportunity to get rid of any unwanted electronics laying around and also the ability to pick up a lot of projects and parts. This year we should have plenty of items to dig through.

I want to thank Mike McCrow for arranging the PSARA/NWVRS Radio Swap Meet in Chehalis this year as that was a big success. We had well over 100 people show up and there were a lot of great deals out there. It was a lot of fun getting together with other members and also making new acquaintances. The plan is to do this same event next year as an August swap meet or in July as a summer picnic and radio sale.

A special thanks to new member Dave Friedlund who donated his entire collection of nice radios which were auctioned off at the last meeting. There were some great bargains and a lot of people were happy with their new acquisitions. I've heard from many people that the radios they purchased were in working condition!

We are planning to have another auction in the September meeting, so don't forget to come early as the auction will have to be completed before the meeting starts at 9:30. - Pat

VP's Message for August 2021
by Franklin Terry Ouchida

Monthly Feature - Radios start with a "T"
September Tech Talk - Blake Dietze "Hitchhiker - A Good 4 tube Radio"
Zoom meeting Saturday September 11, 2021 at 9:30 am.
Bid on our Auctions with Zoom 9:00-9:30 before the meeting.

Share your latest project or passion. Please let me know if you are interested in doing a Tech Talk Live or on Zoom.

Anyone without email access that would like a phone call with urgent NWVRS information. Please contact me by phone to be put on a call list.

Enjoy Radio Talk? Join us every Wednesday at 7:00 pm for WRNZ on Zoom for a radio chat session!

Attendance for August meeting:

37	Members
4	Guests
6	On-line
47	Total Attendance

I am hopeful someone will realize they took my set, an unbuilt Mercury Model 501 Component Substitution Kit. Please return it if you accidentally picked it up or saw who accidentally picked it up. Please bring it back to the Grange or Contact Franklin at (971) 407-8108

It's just some of my thoughts. - Franklin Terry Ouchida

NWVRS Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2021

Recorded by Secretary Liles Garcia

The meeting started at approximately 10:15 AM.

Cliff Tuttle gave a Tech Talk on Atwater-Kent radios. He brought some radios from his collection to show the group. Cliff's presentation was informative and interesting. There were several questions from the group.
The Program Topic was "Radios with names beginning with an S." Dick Howard showed a "Sputnik" crystal radio. Mike McCrow showed a "Sparton" radio, and Sonny Clutter showed a Showers Model 20 "Consola" radio.

The meeting was adjourned.

Events Calendar

September 11th is the Trash and Bash at the Abernethy Grange
October 9th is the Fall Radio Swap meet in Aurora
November 13th is the NWVRS meeting at the Abernethy Grange
December 11th is the NWVRS Christmas Party at the Abernethy Grange
Please double check these dates, but I think they are correct.
Please help Franklin come up with some Tech Talks!
Most likely we will have an October auction at the Abernethy Grange from items donated. (October 9th we are in Aurora, but we can probably get the Abernethy Grange one Saturday that month). - Pat

Followup: Mechanical Television Reception on the West Coast

By Art Redman

From last month's article: "Television parts for Portland experimenters became readily available when the Wedel Company of Seattle opened a branch office during April 1931 at 1207 SW Washington Street."

From the Sunday Oregonian, April 19 1931 Page 49

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From last month's article:
The *"Behind the Mike"* columnist and radio editor of *The Oregonian*, William Moyes, brought the first factory made television set to Portland at the National Radio Show, which ended June 21, 1931. The comments made by the President of NBC said, "The present of television of hit or miss (mostly miss) disc scanning is dead and television is not a long distance affair". The Vice President of NBC said, "Television exhibits at the Chicago radio show were far from convincing". Walter A. Schilling told Moyes "Television is the bunk. To see you need a quart of corn liquor, a strong cigar, and a heck of an imagination".

First TV in Portland, Sunday Oregonian, July 12 1931, page 49

Pictures from the August meeting
by Sonny Clutter and Dan Howard

Mike doing the auction (Sonny):

Dave Friedlund Auction (Dan): New member Dave Friedlund donated over two dozen radios and pieces of test gear to the NVRS for a fund-raising auction. Mike McCrow did the selling, supported by Dave Eaton and Ed Tomkins. Items of all vintages changed hands, many generating vigorous bidding.

George Kirkwood (Dan): We were so pleased to spot former NVRS President George Kirkwood at the meeting today. With the huge free table, auction, and fabulous tech talk, the August meeting was our largest gathering since early 2020. It was great to get caught up with George and many other friends who have been understandably scarce of late.

Free Table (Dan): Thanks to the generosity of several donors including Cathye McCracken, and the efforts of many volunteers, there was no shortage of free items at the August meeting for members and guests to discover and take home. We anticipate a similar smorgasbord of salvable goodies at the annual NVRS Trash bash in September.

Cliff's doing his A-K presentation and some AK radios (Sonny):

Two beautiful Atwater Kent breadboards from Cliff Tuttle's tech talk about Atwater Kent Battery Sets. In the foreground is an Atwater Kent Model 4 (3975) recreated from original parts by Sonny Clutter. In the background is an original Atwater Kent Model 10C. Cliff used examples from his collection covering a span of about five years to explain how Atwater Kent's battery-operated radios evolved over time to solve technical challenges and keep up with the expanding range of broadcast channels. The display included pieces from the earliest period when Atwater Kent was selling components to builders up through the development of single-dial sets and the first units to use battery eliminators and tubes with AC filaments (Dan):

(Sonny):

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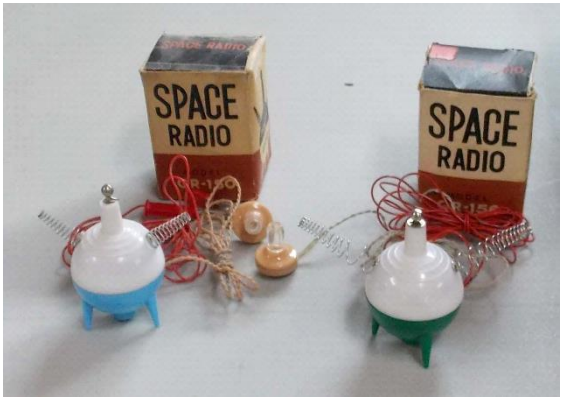
Mike’s Sparton (Sonny):

Dick Howard brought a pair of Space Radios for today's S-themed display. These little satellite-shaped crystal sets are working radios using a fixed diode detector and a crystal earphone (Dan).



Dan's "Sensodyne" (Sonny):

Showers model 20 “Consola” (Sonny):

Chehalis Swap Meet Pictures
by Dan Howard

Pat at Work:

Franklin finding knobs:

Even the Consoles Were Selling! Yes, folks, even the consoles were selling at Chehalis! No this isn't a dealer's forlorn offering - this is one lucky buyer's spoils pile. Scott, Atwater Kent, Philco, and Zenith - he swept up an enviable pile of loot. This swap was truly fabulous.

Fletcher Anderson's property includes acres and acres of flat grassland nestled in Washington's Pleasant Valley, just southwest of Chehalis. The swap meet was held in an area bounded on one side by an airstrip and on the other by Stearns Creek. Driving into the site, attendees crossed the creek on a rustic covered bridge. Absolutely beautiful. Photo courtesy of Gary Marvin:

Radiolaguy's September Showcase by Sonny Clutter

Showers Consola Radio

by Showers Brothers Furniture Co.

full article: https://www.radiolaguy.com/Showcase/Battery-20s/Showers%20Consola.htm

Swap Shop

Ads are free and can be permanent, or 3-month, with an asterisk added each month for tracking. Contact editor to extend.
Please contact the following members to be trained in Radio Repair:

Jan and Glenn Anderson	425 750 7600	Longview
Blake Dietze	360 944-7172	Vancouver
Ed Tompkins	360 573-3895	Vancouver

WANTED: Radios made in Oregon. I do have some to trade. Thanks in advance. Dick Howard (503) 775-6697 dhoward27@comcast.net

Needed and Wanted - Sonny Clutter
https://www.radiolaguy.com/Wanted%20Items.htm

FOR SALE: Philco Model 20 Table Top for $70 and a Silvertone Model 6074 1930 Tabletop $50. Call Robbie Robinson 503 810 0565

Hi everyone. I am in need of a meter lens for a Heathkit IM-32 VTVM. Parts instrument, or meter with lens. Thanks. Mike McCrow 503-7304639

I collect and restore record players / phonographs with tubes, any and all table tops, portables, even Consoles! If you have one with tubes that is in your way, and that you would like to get rid of or sell cheaply, please get in touch with me. I also will repair or restore yours if you need help in that way. Email me a picture, or give me a call. Thanks! John Livingston 503-708-2987

Military radios: 2 ea. R392 receivers, 2 ea. R662 transceivers, 1 ea. AM3349 400 watt RF amplifier. Complete but untested and came from the estate of a very active local ham. Lots of cables and manuals too. $1200 for everything. Tektronix 575 curve tracer. Includes the high voltage testing mod and Tek cart and original manual. Does not power on. No further troubleshooting has been done. - $350 Bill Holeman bpasok@live.com

FOR SALE: Edison Chalet diamond disc wind up phonograph. Works well and is fairly uncommon to find. $125.00
Victor Victrola Model IX wind up phonograph works well & in nice shape. $150.00 Pics available. Contact Pat at patkagi@yahoo.com Thanks, Pat

In search of 2 knobs for a Westinghouse H126 ====> "Refrigerator Radio" in brown. Hunting for a Toshiba 7TP30 in black. Cosmetic clean

In search of for Packard Bell 5R1 any Parts, Part Sets and/ Or Displayable Sets in Pink, Yellow and Green. ====> Franklin Ouchida
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